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Country	United States

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The Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative (SCRI) works to protect cultural heritage threatened or impacted by disasters and to help U.S. and international communities preserve their identities and history. SCRI projects include cultural rescue work in Haiti, Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Mali, Nepal, and the U.S., as well as disaster training for heritage colleagues, first responders, and military personnel around the world. SCRI is seeking interns who are interested in participating in outreach efforts following a disaster or complex emergency by collecting data on cultural heritage repositories at risk and contacting affected cultural institutions. Following a disaster, participating interns will consolidate and clean data about cultural heritage repositories coded by SCRI and its collaborating institutions, contact impacted cultural institutions and complete a preliminary assessment of damage and needs. These data products and assessments will assist SCRI in its response goals and help cultural heritage disaster risk managers and responders effectively address the needs of affected cultural communities. In periods when there is a lull between disasters, interns will participate in SCRI's cultural repository data collection project. The internship is open to anyone, but those with language skills in Spanish or data analysis are especially encouraged to apply.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Cultural diplomacy
Data analysis
Survey / polling design

Additional Information

None

Language Requirements

None